

## Joint Fiber Laser Mission Engagement (J-FLaME) Joint Test



















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## **Joint Test & Evaluation Summary**

## A Unique OSD Program



- A conduit for warfighters to solve joint operational issues
- Under Secretary of Defense (OSD) / Director, Operational Test and Evaluation (DOT&E)
  manages the program; partnerships with Services and Combatant Commands (CCMDs)
  critical for executing two-year Joint Tests and one-year Quick Reaction Tests
- Provides non-materiel solutions to warfighter issues
- Works on process improvements so that fielded equipment is used more effectively in a joint operational environment
  - Does not assess weapon system performance
  - Not a hardware acquisition program
  - Not an experiment
- Test products are:
  - Improved tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTP) and architectures
  - New test and evaluation methodologies
- Other products:
  - Inputs to Service and Joint publications, or training materials





### Problem Statement & Description

## The Joint Force lacks Fire Support and Airspace Control TTP to employ emerging directed energy laser (DEL) capabilities to conduct Joint Fires and Force Protection missions

- Laser weapon TTP addresses threats from a challenging anti-access/area denial environment
- Limited, high-cost munitions against low-cost asymmetric threats is not sustainable
- DEL offers low-cost per shot, "deep" magazine, precision, and scalable effects
- All Services are developing near future DEL weapons
- DEL multi-Service TTP do not exist and lag behind DEL deployment
- DELs possess some unique characteristics compared to traditional munitions
- Many Joint and Service pubs that addresses airspace, fires, and targeting may be affected

TTP is needed to employ DEL now and for future doctrine



### Laser Weapon Systems



#### USN Solid State Laser – Quick Reaction Capability (SSL-QRC)

Prototype SSL-QRC completed at sea demonstration on board USS DEWEY in Aug 2012;
 deployed on USS PONCE in Sep 2014 to counter small boats and Unmanned Aircraft
 Systems (UAS). SSL-Technology Maturation (SSL-TM) is now in development at ONR

#### USA Systems

- HEL-Mobile Test Truck (HEL-MTT) in development to provide force protection capability for counter-Rockets, Artillery & Mortars (C-RAM) as well as Counter-UAS (C-UAS)
- MEHEL Mobile Expeditionary High Energy Laser in development for C-RAM and C-UAS; 2017 fully Integrated Air Defense System (IADS) with dedicated air detection radar / Direction Finding (DF) capability



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#### • USMC Ground Based Air Defense (GBAD) On-the-Move

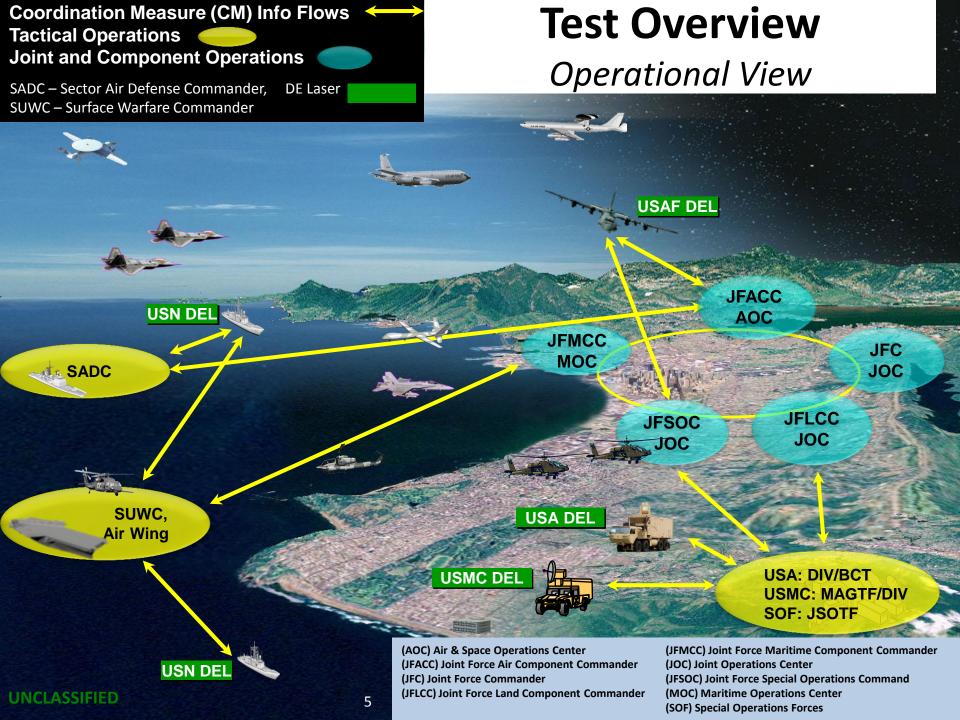
Under development using a light tactical vehicle to augment low altitude air defense
 (LAAD) systems for airborne threats such as UAS

#### USAF HEL AC-130

C-130 Air-to-Ground capability (near-term effort)

#### **Common Characteristics**

- Solid state laser the "Game Changer Precise laser tracking/ranging
  - Low cost per shot Enhanced ISR capability
- "Deep" magazine Scalable effects





## Key Participating Organizations



- OSD Policy (SO & CT)
- Joint Staff J39, J6, J7, J8
- Central Command (CENTCOM)
- Pacific Command (PACOM)
- Special Operations Command (SOCOM)
- Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC)
- Joint Integrated Air and Missile Defense Organization (JIAMDO)
- High Energy Laser-Joint Technology Office
- Air, Land, Sea Application (ALSA) Center
- Army Training and Doctrine Command / Army Capabilities Integration Center
- Army Space and Missile Defense Command (SMDC)
- Army Fires Center of Excellence (FCoE)
- US Naval Forces Central Command

- Chief of Naval Operations N84
- US Fleet Forces Command
- Office of Naval Research
- Naval Sea Systems Command
- Navy Warfare Development Command
- Naval Surface and Mine Warfighting Development Center (NSMWDC)
- Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren
- Marine Corps Warfighting Laboratory
- Marine Corps Combat Development Command (MCCDC)
- Air Combat Command (ACC)
- US Air Forces Central Command
- Air Force North (AFNORTH)/1<sup>st</sup> Air Force
- Air Force Special Operations Command
- Air Force Research Lab (AFRL)



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### Key Events



#### 2 x Field Tests (FT)

- FT-1 Advanced Concepts Event (ACE) 2015, Kirtland AFB, 20-23 Jul 15, Joint Fires and Air Defense trials performed
- FT-2 Maneuver and Fires Integration Experiment (MFIX) 2016, Fort Sill, OK, 11-15 Apr 16
  - √ 38 Air-to-Ground / 65 Ground-to-Air / 41 Ground-to-Ground trials
  - ✓ Two "Live" ground-based DE Laser Weapons (MEHEL, HEL-MTT)
  - ✓ Simulated air-based Laser Fires from live AC-130 Specter aircraft and the AFSOC Joint Terminal Attack Controller (JTAC) Simulation (AJS) Desktop System

#### 3 x TTP Development Events (TDEs)

- TDE-1 CENTCOM AOR, 12-16 Jun 15, Data collectors located at Maritime Operations
  Center (MOC) (MOC Watch Officer, CTF-51 Battle Watch and Land Component), Combined
  Air Operations Center (CAOC), Senior Air Defense Officer (SADO) & USS PONCE
  - Conducted in conjunction with Office of Naval Research (ONR) lethality test, focused on Surf-Air (Air Defense) & Surface-Surface (USN Fast Attack Craft/Fast Inshore Attack Craft (FAC/FIAC) TTP
- **TDE-2 Virtual Flag 16-1**, Kirtland AFB, 2-4 Dec 15, further developed Surface-Air (Air Defense) and Surface-Surface (USN FAC/FIAC TTP)
- TDE-3- AFSOC Exercise, Hurlburt Field, 7-10 Dec 15, focused on Air-Surface TTP

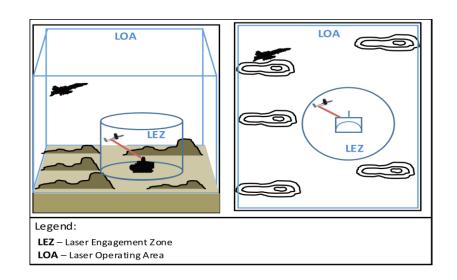


## **TTP Development**

## TTP Highlights (1 of 2)



- Overview of DEL Capabilities and Limitations
- Considerations for Planning and Executing Air Defense and Joint Fires Missions
- Checklists for conducting Air Defense and Joint Fires Missions
  - New Proposed Coordination Measures:
    - Laser Engagement Zone (LEZ)
    - Laser Operating Area (LOA)
- Risk Management Considerations
  - Ocular and Skin Hazard
  - Sensor Hazard
  - Risk Estimate Distances (RED)



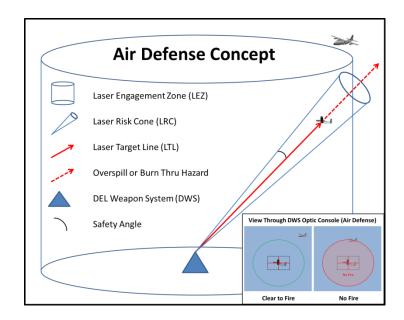


## **TTP Development**

## TTP Highlights (2 of 2)



- Command and Control Clearance of Fires Procedures
- Operator Clearance of Fires Procedures
  - Laser Risk Cone (LRC)
  - Laser Target Line (LTL)
- Updated Brevity Codes
- Service DEL Initiatives
- Rule of Thumb Lethality Ranges and Dwell Times

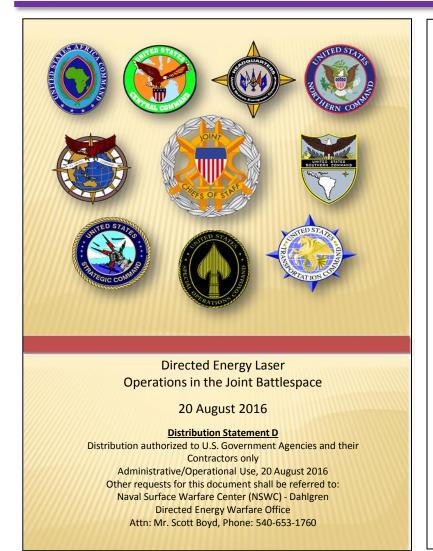




## **TTP Transition Plan**

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TTP transitioned to US Fleet Forces (USFF) Command on 31 August 2016. USFF has designated Navy Warfare Development Command (NWDC) as the holder for the J-FLaME TTP. NWDC will nominate applicable portions of the J-FLaME TTP for inclusion into Air, Land, Sea Application (ALSA) Center multi-Service publications as relevant publications come up for revision. ALSA will incorporate relevant portions of the J-FLaME TTP into appropriate multi-Service publications based on the needs of the Services and the DEL weapon system fielding timelines.



Based on the success of J-FLaME and interest from both operational and development communities to pursue laser weapon lethality and weaponeering, the following Joint test has been proposed:











## **Joint Laser Systems Effectiveness** (JLaSE) Special Project Nomination





**Lead Sponsor:** 

**NSWC** Dahlgren Division

Operational Endorsers: Joint Staff J2, USSOCOM, USPACOM, USCENTCOM, USNORTHCOM/NORAD, USMC MCWL, JSOC Proposed Product Transition Leads: USSOCOM (JSOC, AFSOC, DEVGRU) and Joint Technical Coordination Group-Munitions Effectiveness (JTCG-ME)



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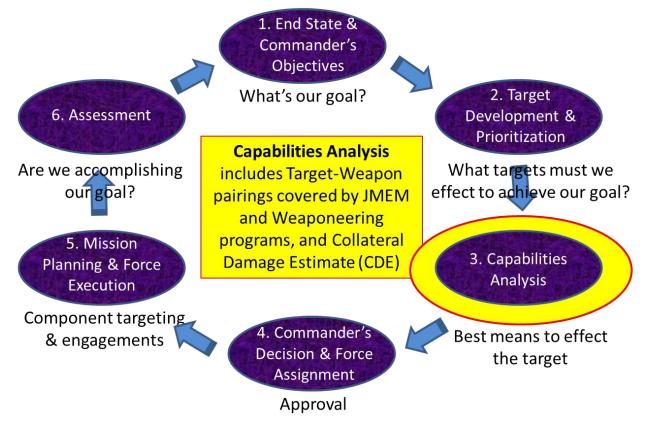
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### PROBLEM STATEMENT

Joint Fire Support Planners and Targeteers lack Tactics,
Techniques and Procedures (TTP) for Joint Targeting
Cycle Capabilities Analysis – specifically, Weaponeering,
and Collateral Damage Estimate (CDE) methodology to
adequately prepare for the use of Directed Energy
Laser (DEL) weapons in the joint battlespace

## BACKGROUND Joint Targeting Cycle



Joint Force and Service Laser Weapon operators, planners and targeteers lack laser lethality and target vulnerability data as well as the procedures to support the Joint Targeting Cycle capabilities analysis phase to include weaponeering and collateral damage estimate (CDE) methodology

### **SCOPE**

Integrate DEL Weapon Characteristics & Capabilities into this four step Capabilities Analysis Process

#### Target Vulnerability Analysis

- Critical target elements
- If engaged, reduce target's ability to perform select functions

Specifically Address DEL Processes for:

#### Capabilities Assignment

- Assign target engagement capabilities
- Capabilities analysis

#### Weaponeering

- Assign capabilities to vulnerabilities
- List Asset Target Interactions (ATI)

#### Feasibility Assessment

- Evaluate ATIs for feasibility
- Considerations for country, legalities, approval authorities, etc.

#### **Effects Estimate**

- Identify 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Order effects for each ATI.
- Collateral
   Damage is 2<sup>nd</sup>
   Order Effect

Collateral Damage Estimate

"The primary purpose of **Phase 3 - Capabilities Analysis** is to maximize the employment efficiency of forces through application of enough force to create the desired effects while minimizing collateral damage and waste of resources." JP 3-60

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# PROJECT FOCUS WEAPONEERING Weapon-Target Pairings

Project Focus for Weapon-Target Pairing priorities will be based on DEL fielding timelines and target priorities for Operational Users and JTCG-ME Joint Non Kinetic Effects Operational Users Working Group (JNKE OUWG) recommendations

Target
Types
&
Effects

#### Soft/Small/Fast

E/O sensors (Dazzle or Destroy) Target tagging Small UAVs Manpads

#### **Moving/Tactical**

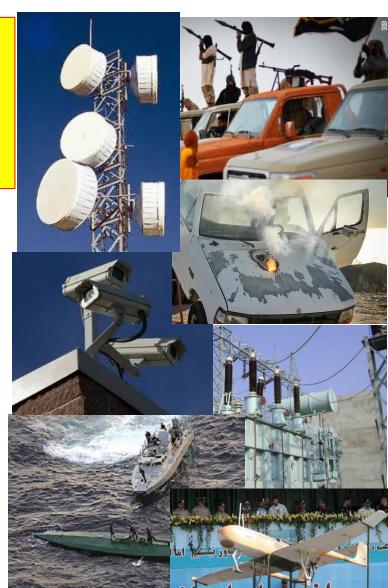
Land vehicles
Small boats
Radar antennas
Power grids/Transformers
Ceramic RF radomes
Rockets, artillery, & mortars

#### **Laseri**Power

**DEL Weapons Power & Type** 

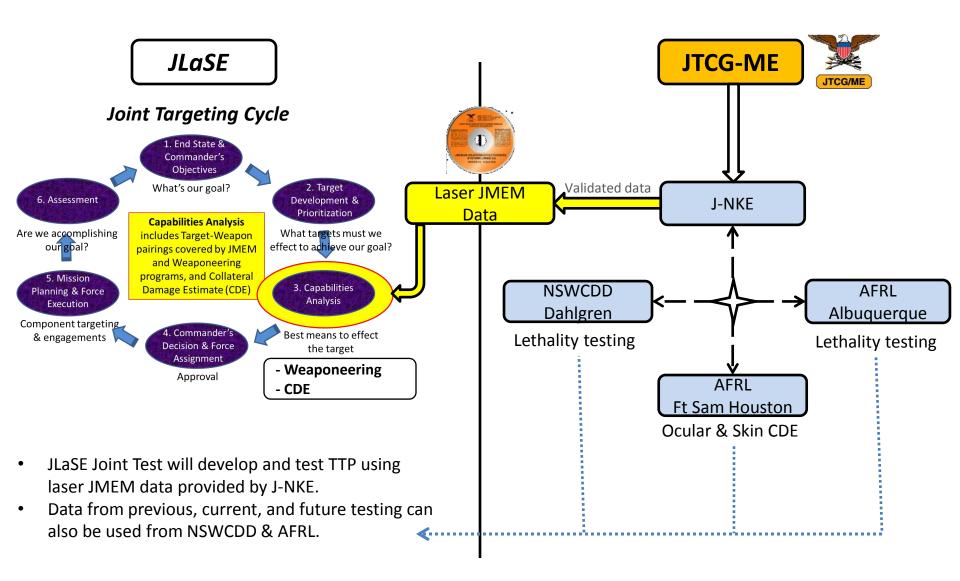
2kw 10kw 30kw

100kw





## JLaSE – JTCG Relationship



### **SUMMARY**

To make you aware of the JLaSE Special Project nomination to develop and assess multi-Service TTP for Directed Energy Weapons Joint Targeting Cycle Capabilities Analysis for:

- Weaponeering and
- Collateral Damage Estimate Methodology